



Connecticut Department
of
**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENT**

June 29, 2012

Senator Andrew W. Roraback
Representative Paul Davis
Legislative Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Minor Revisions to Administrative Requirements for Air Quality Permits

Dear Senator Roraback and Representative Davis:

Pursuant to section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I submit for your consideration and approval the enclosed proposal to revise an air quality regulation.

The proposal increases the notifications that the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) must make concerning tentative determinations on certain air quality permit applications. The revisions align DEEP's notification procedures with those required by the federal Clean Air Act and federal regulations. Only DEEP is impacted by this proposal. The proposed revisions have no impact on the regulated community as the procedural requirements for permit applicants are not changed by this proposal.

Although the proposed changes are minor, the changes are necessary to DEEP's plans to meet and maintain the national ambient air quality standards. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires these administrative changes to DEEP's permitting programs so that EPA might fully approve DEEP's administrative infrastructure as sufficient.

If there are any general questions regarding this proposal, please contact Robert LaFrance, DEEP's Legislative Liaison, at 860- 424-3401 (office) or 860-622-1797 (cell). If you have any substantive or rule drafting questions, please contact Merrily A. Gere of the Bureau of Air Management at 860-424-3416. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Daniel C. Esty
Commissioner

cc: Robert LaFrance, DEEP

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